

# City of Morrow Dedicates Municipal Courtroom to Judge Frost Ward

It was a powerful and touching moment when following Tuesday's Council Meeting the courtroom doors opened to a host of uniformed public safety men and women who entered and lined the walls of the room as City of Morrow FF/Paramedic James Rutmann played the bagpipes to honor Thelma Ward. Mrs. Ward was escorted into the room by Police Lt. Harry White, and thus began the dedication of the Honorable Judge Frost Ward Municipal Courtroom.

The Honorable Judge Frost Ward served the City of Morrow with integrity and authority from January 1973 until December 2009. His devotion to this community and to upholding the laws of the State of Georgia played a crucial role in establishing what Morrow is today. The dedication of the courtroom on May 28, 2013, honors Judge Ward's lifetime commitment to justice and service. The dedication ceremony included remarks from Mayor JB Burke, City Manager Jeff Eady, and Judge Ward's beloved Court Clerk, Essie West.

Mrs. Essie West presented Mrs. Thelma Ward with a plaque commemorating the dedication. The same plaque now hangs in the Honorable Judge Frost Ward Municipal Courtroom. After the dedication ceremony, a beautiful reception gave friends and colleagues a chance to share their memories of the late Judge Frost Ward.

While Mrs. Ward did not a public statement, Mayor Burke read a quote she offered, *"Thank you to those who helped Frost during each court session...from the probation staff, the bailiffs, the solicitors (especially Jerry Patrick), and the City court staff... you each helped him to be successful and you are truly appreciated. A special "Thank You" goes to Essie West... Frost was always the happiest with you sitting next to him on the bench!" ~Thelma Ward~*

The City of Morrow is in debt to the Honorable Judge Frost Ward and will always remember him with fond admiration and sincere appreciation.









